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Coast-To-Coast In 3 Hours

Col. Robert G. Williams, commander of the Ninth Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, reports that an RB-66O recently made the trip from California to the East Coast in three hours and twenty-seven minutes. This is the fastest known time for a coast-to-coast crossing in an RB-66O,, and one of the fastest crossings by any aircraft.

The RB-66O is the reconnaissance version of Tactical Air Command's newest bomber. Captain Arthur F. Smith was the commander who flew the 2,300-miles from California to South Carolina in less than three and a half hours. The pilot took advantage of high speed tail winds at a very high altitude, which were found in what is called a jet stream.

The RB-66O carried a crew of seven. Utilizing the same kind of jet streams which brought it from California to the East Coast in three hours and twenty-seven minutes, the bomber could have crossed from the northeastern tip of the United States to London in about the same time.

One can see what the passenger travel to Europe will be in a few years when such aircraft are put into commercial service. A business man will be able to leave Boston early one morning, have lunch in London, spend a few hours at business and return to his home in Boston that night.

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Delegate John Boatwright

It is the judgement of this newspaper that John B. Boatwright has been a sincere, faithful and conscientious representative of Appomattox, Buckingham and Cumberland Counties in the Virginia House of Delegates. His long service has gained for him important seniority and he is of outstanding influence in the General Assembly. A man of strong conviction, he has never failed to take a stout stand on matters coming before the legislature, and we believe he has ably reflected the thinking of his constituents. Therefore, regret to note that Mr. Boatwright has announced that he does not plan to offer for re-election. It is our hope that Mr. Boatwright can be persuaded to stand for re-election, and that the voters will retain his services for another term. The turn-over in membership in the House of Delegates has been rapid in Virginia, and although we support the introduction of "new blood" from time to time, we, nevertheless, believe a good core of experienced veterans on hand to guide the lawmaking process is important. We suggest that Mr. Boatwright reconsider, and accept another term in the House..

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Smiling And Nodding

Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh have been reunited in Portugal after a four-month separation, caused by a royal tour on the part of the Duke.

During this tour, the gossipers eased out a report to the effect that all was not well between the two, and, by the time they met in Portugal, the world was wondering if there was anything to the report that their romance was not what it was supposed to be.

However, after spending a few days together in Portugal, and attending many functions, at which the reporters say they smiled and nodded frequently at each other, the gossipers have apparently been silenced. Nevertheless, some damage has been done by the report which cannot be entirely erased.

All of which goes to prove that perhaps the new supersonic missiles or rockets of today are not the fastest-traveling items we have available in 1957. Perhaps the fastest is gossip, which is eagerly propelled by the energy of countless tongues regardless of the validity of the story.

And, if there was really something wrong with the romance, a few nods and a few smiles between the couple would not necessarily mean that the Duke and Queen Elizabeth were not engaged in a mild spat. What did the world expect the Duke to do on meeting the Queen? And what was the Queen supposed to do?

She is reported to have kissed the Duke in greeting him and unless the world expected her to punch him in the nose, or engage in fisticuffs, then the greeting was a "must" from every standpoint of protocol tradition and custom.

Therefore, the reunion does not necessarily mean anything, nor do the rumors. The rumors had a disturbing effect among some and the damage cannot be undone by a three-day Portuguese reunion.

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An Early Spring

Weather in many areas of the country in recent weeks has convinced some of the experts that we are in for a very early spring. The unseasonably warm weather of February, in many sections, caused premature blooming of many flowers, and while delightful to many, could result in serious damage to fruit trees, flowers and other plants later, if a sudden, hard freeze should hit these blooms and new growth in those parts of the country.

We still have some time to go before one can say that an early spring is a certainty. It seems certain that severe cold will hit us again before spring arrives, except in the extreme South.

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The World Of Tomorrow

For many years it has been the vogue for men to say that the frontiers have all been tamed and that the days of great explorations are at an end.

In one sense, that is true. As far as exploration on this earth is concerned, most of the countries, rivers, oceans, and so forth, have been discovered. However, this earth is only a tiny speck in a great vastness of space and is relatively insignificant in comparison with what surrounds it. As far as the future is concerned, the youngster of today faces a world of marvels, spectacular invention and adventure. There is always a new frontier for mankind.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Matthew 18-20. Devotional Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9.

Seventy X Seven

Lesson for March 10, 1957

IS IT a mark of high breeding never to forget an injury? One of the most famous Americans was known also as a duelist. When he left home as a boy, his mother wrote him a letter which contained some Christian advice; but she mixed with it an idea she could not have found in her New Testament; he must never overlook an insult or a slight. It is rather strange how many Christians (Christians otherwise, that is,) have had the same notion. Long after dueling was outlawed in most states, it was still going on in the "Bible Belt." It has gone out there too by now; which may be an indication that people understand the Gospel better than they once did.

Dr. Foreman

The Need for Forgiveness

In a southern town there lives a man who was in a penitentiary in another state, for 19 years, for a crime he did not commit. He was a stranger and he had a gun; so when the local hoodlums all came up with alibis, this man was a convenient mark, and to the penitentiary he went. And there he stayed even after the real criminal confessed. Authorities kept him there, because if the facts became known, and the man released, some important reputations and careers would be ruined. Finally, through the efforts of a sister and a friend, he was released, 19 years not guilty, but punished all the same, even years after his innocence was established. Would you be in a forgiving mood after that? Not many people have tremendous, long-lasting injustices done to them of that sort; yet the story illustrates one point about forgiveness: it is not always a matter of forgiving persons directly. One may suffer severely, unjustly, without its being possible to identify the persons who are responsible for things we suffer (such as unfair laws, or customs which harm us in some way); but although we cannot forgive the responsible persons—who may be many—face to face, it is just as un-Christian to harbor bitterness in the heart against "fate" in general as it is to feel bitterly about some one we know.

God Has Here to Put Up With

When Peter asked his question about forgiveness, he was thinking, it seems, of a kind of rule. Forgive a man once, twice . . . . to seven times; but the eighth time is one too much? Jesus' reply,—that if a brother repents 70 times seven times, we are to forgive him just as many times,—is not a matter of strict arithmetic. It is not intended as a rule. It is Jesus way of saying: Forgiveness must be without limit. The reason Jesus suggests, in his parable, goes to the heart of things. God has far more to forgive than we have. Even an apostle, Jesus suggests, has sinned against God more than any man has ever sinned against him. What we have to put up with from others, every day, are trifles compared with what God has to put up with from us. If the reader thinks this is an exaggeration, let him consider one point: the way we Christians misrepresent God. His reputation in this world is maintained or blackened by those who profess to be his people. We claim to be his children, and yet we often act as if we had been sired by the devil. Few if any human beings have been so persistently slandered as God is by his professed friends.

Forgiving From the Heart

Forgiveness has been called a fiction, and in a way it is. It is not the same as ignoring or condoning, but it treats the offender exactly as if no offense had been committed. That may be fiction; but there is no true forgiveness without forgetting. God's forgiveness is complete; he casts forgiven sins "behind his back"—he "remembers them no more." Human forgiveness like all things human is never complete, for in spite of our best efforts the thing will keep coming back to mind. Nevertheless, true Christian forgiveness makes every effort to forget. Forgiving without forgetting leaves things much as they were. Only in complete forgiveness can there be a complete new start. Erasing the whole thing from mind, living as if it never had happened; this may be a fiction but it is a fiction of love.

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Questions Of The Week

(Editor's note: Here are the question asked most frequently by Virginia farmers during the past week, as reported by county agricultural agents. Staff members of the VPI Agricultural Extension Service and or Experiment Station supply the answers.)

Q.- When will be the best time to market my steers that I am wintering?

A.- Count on the usual seasonal price rise on feeder and stocker steers in April.

Q.- At what time this spring will finished cattle bring the best price?

A.- There's nothing new in the immediate cattle price outlook . . just the same general downward trend as marketings pick up. Don't look for any appreciable price rises before June.

Q.- How can I be sure bulls offered at sales sponsored by breed associations are free of reproductive diseases?

A.- You can't be 100 per cent sure, no matter where you buy bulls, unless you have tests run yourself. However, at association - sponsored sales, bulls are not accepted if there is any reason to suspect them of disease. And you can be sure that they are brucellosis-free.

Q.- Is it advisable for a swine raiser to put a concrete floor in his fattening pen? I have three or four sows and keep them on pasture to weaning age, then transfer them to the fattening pen.

A. Yes, a concrete floor is a good idea. It makes sanitation much easier.

Q.- What is the farmer going to do if the cost of marketing farm products continues to rise as it has during the past few years.

A.. Marketing costs have gone up largely because the consumer is demanding "built-in" services with the product. The farmer has a smaller part of the consumer's dollar—but there are more dollars. He must increase output and market in larger volume. The farmer who cannot increase output efficiently is fighting a losing battle.

Miss Emily Post says potato chips may be eaten with the fingers. Something tells us Miss Post must have tried to spear one with a fork. —Macon Telegram.

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FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

Farm Income in 1957?

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d acreage in 1956 was The 10% cut in allot nts to 128 acres and in the acreage reserve 294 acres. This is a in acres from 1956. se figures there will be pounds of tobacco on this season than in 1956; e averages remain the

might be more impor the county will have $149,580 less money

tions need to be reach farmers might supple farm income.

PLASTERED WALLS? E SOME TIPS

me tricks of the trade s to painting plastered Cecil Wheary, associate ngineer at VPI.

e painter is apt to ommon mistakes, he any people fail to pre ster surface to be paint ed; or use the wrong type of paint on walls which are subject to moisture penetration from the outside, or to excessive condensation on the inside.

Painting New Plaster

Be sure the plaster is thoroughly dry. It may take weeks for water to evaporate from new plaster. If you plan to paint before the plaster has aged for six months or more, wash the walls with a solution of zinc sulphate to neutralize free alkali. To make the solution, dissolve 4 pounds of zinc sulphate in 1 gallon of water. Brush the solution onto the plastered wall and wait until it is thoroughly dry before painting.

Next apply a coat of plaster primer, recommended specifically for new plastered walls. Don't try to mix your own. If you expect to finish with only one coat of paint, you may want to tint the primer for color. Do not add more than 7 or 8 ounces of tint per gallon. For most primers, follow with the first coat of paint within 24 to 36 hours.

If you use an oil paint, it's a good idea to apply two coats: first an undercoater, and when it is dry, the finish coat.

Repainting Old Plaster

Examine the existing paint to determine its type and condition. If the wall has been painted with calsimine, you can start scrubbing. There are very few paints which will stick over calcimine. All painted surfaces should be washed before painting, especially in kitchens and bathrooms. A thorough cleaning removes dust, which will streak the paint; and grease, which keeps paint from sticking. Use soap and water when possible, and be sure to rinse thoroughly.

If the wall has been painted with an enamel, the slick surface must be broken before new paint will stick properly. Chemical washes are made for this purpose, but you can use washing soda and water. Be sure to rinse thoroughly with clean water and let dry before painting.

Don't expect ordinary paints to hide even small cracks in plaster. If there are small hair-line cracks, they may be filled with spackle after a first coat of paint. If the cracks are 1-8 inch or more, they should be cut out, thoroughly wetted, filled with patching plaster, smoothed off, and primed when dry.

Remember that a little extra time spent in preparing a surface before painting may save hours of hard work later trying to remove peeling paint, Wheary says.

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Pamplin Vicinity

Pamplin Vicinity, March 4.- Miss Kate Franklin has returned home from a trip to Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. George Abbitt and two children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Whitehead on Saturday evening.

Ralph Kress, who has been a patient in the Virginia Baptist Hospital has returned home and is improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ramsey and two children, of El Paso, Texas, are visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McCall.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Howard, of Saxe, Mrs. A. R. Southall, Jr., and son, A. R. Southall, III, of Louisa, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Billy Southall and son, of Bon Air, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Southall, Sr. Sunday.

Tommie Ligon, of V. P. I., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ligon.

Mrs. George Kress visited her sister, Mrs. Herbert Burrell Saturday.

Mrs. James Brown, who has been on the sick list, is better at this writing.

Little Robbie Price, of Richmond is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Richardson and family, who have been here on a visit, have returned to their home in West Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jeter Ligon and sons, of Richmond spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ligon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood, of Winchester spent the week-end here with her mother, Mrs. Ruby Clarke.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Caldwell, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end here with Miss Flora Belle Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Baldwin and son, of Quantico, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Elijah Baldwin.

Mrs. Elizabeth Spence, of Keysville spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Sydnor Mann and family.

Mrs. Harry Williams and daughter, Jane visited Mrs. P. G. Reynolds, of Red House Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Payne visited relatives in Irvin, Tenn., last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kress visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jennings last week-end.

Mrs. H. T. Terry, who has been spending some time with her son and family, Chatham Terry, at Critz, Va., has returned to her home here.

Mrs. Norwood Wayne is a patient at Virginia Baptist Hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Baldwin, of Cullen; Mr. and Mrs. Al Kawalsky and children, of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Jene Baldwin, of Appomattox, and Mr. and Mrs. Carol Layne and children all visited Mrs. Eunice Baldkin last week-end.

Mr. Edward Cumby visited Mr. S. R. Hubbard Sunday in Southside Hospital.

Miss Alice Davis entertained a number of friends with a birthday party Saturday night.

Evergreen

Evergreen, March 5.- Week of Prayer will be observed here this week at the Baptist Church.

Mr. Franklin Simmons, of Richmond visited his father last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Craile spent the week-end at Richmond with their daughter, Mrs. Dan Clapp, and family.

Mrs. Elva Fleshman is spending this week with friends at Spout Spring and Central.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Paulette over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Elliotte and daughter, Amy, of Danville; Mrs. B. D. Barson, of Charlotte Court House; Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Carwile; Mrs. Lizzie Tucker and Miss Eliza Elliotte and Don Carwile, all of Brookneal.

Sarah and Chip White, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Thompson, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover.

Mrs. Roy Warriner spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Clay, at Nathalie.

Mr. Jack Morris and Mrs. Curtis Morris spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wilkerson, at Sheppards.

A miscellaneous shower was given Mr. and Mrs. Ned Shorter in the home of Mrs. R. E. Harris Saturday night. A large crowd was present and they received many useful gifts.

Mrs. W. B. Thomas is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Harvey and family, of Cullen, Va.

Miss Doris Clapp, of Longwood College, Farmville, spent the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clapp and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Meadow, of Richmond visited her aunt, Mrs. J. C. Staples Monday.

Those who visited in the home of Mr. T. T. Evans over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pringle and family, of Harrisonburg, Va., and Mrs. Ed Duffner and son, Dicky, of Lynchburg. Also Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Evans, of Spout Spring and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Grisham and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Dean Pugh Sunday.

DOG GUARDS CAR

Dallas, Texas.- Charles Graham left his car in his driveway and went into the house. When he returned and went to his car, a boxer wandered into his yard. When Graham opened the car door, the dog jumped in but when Graham attempted to get in, the dog growled. Finally, Graham had to call police and the police called the Health Department. After an hour, the dog was taken from the car and taken for a ride — to the animal shelter.

In FASHION now

American women, as a group, are the best dressed women in the world. Of course, this is mainly due to the prosperity found in this country, but the good sense and good taste of American women have had a hand in making this true.

Women in this country, on the whole, want their dollar's worth. Because of this, there are good looking, well-made clothes available in almost all price groups. Coats, dresses, shoes, lingerie and accessories that are sound fashion and sound investments are seen in stores all over the country.

We are less prone to wear a design that is a fad or "in style" at the moment than the women of other countries.

Right after the second World War, we went overboard for the new look. The exaggerated length of skirts was accepted.

Looking back, the reason for this seems to be that women were so tired of unattractive short skirts made necessary by the shortage of material, they were happy for a complete change. They got it!

However, since that time women have stayed on an even keel.

Fashion magazines are a big help. They inform women living in small, rural towns of the latest thing to be found in the large metropolitan cities. If not followed too closely, a good fashion magazine makes a fine guide.

CAT IN CEILING

Monroe, La.- A few weeks ago, a contractor added a room to the Giff Ferguson home and unwittingly closed a strange cat in the ceiling. The cat sleeps during the day and moves all night, showing no inclination to try to get out. Ferguson finally chopped a hole in the ceiling, but the cat refused to emerge.

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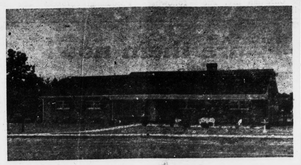

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